# Announcement

## *The IFSA Student Paper Award*

(IFSA2017 World Congress, June 27-30, 2017, Japan)

*The IFSA Student Paper Award* is the award granted by International Fuzzy Systems Association (IFSA) in recognition of the students' research and development efforts in fuzzy set theory and applications; and to motivate communication and interaction among students and the fuzzy set teaching and research communities worldwide.

**Application:** A paper submitted to IFSA2017 via the IFSA2017 regular submission procedure can be considered, with the following materials provided by the student as the first author of the paper:

(1) An applicant statement (via email text or email attachment) from the student is sent to IFSA Vice President for Awards (Professor Guoqing Chen at chengq@sem.tsinghua.edu.cn) by **March 19, 2017,** indicating that he/she would like his/her paper (with the title, all author/coauthor names, affiliations, IFSA2017 paper ID) to be considered for *the IFSA Student Paper Award.*

(2) A scanned copy of the confirmation statement is attached together with the above applicant statement, which is signed by the head of the department/school or director of the program, indicating the name of the student, the names of the university and the program where the student has registered for study, and the period of the program/study.

**Evaluation:** There are three steps in evaluating the papers for *the IFSA Student Paper Award*, conducted by a selection team of at least 5 scholars chaired by IFSA VP for Awards:

Step 1: Qualification screening for the applicants will be made based upon the two statements mentioned above.

Step 2: The papers of qualified applicants will be short-listed in ranking based upon the paper review reports from the IFSA2017 regular review process.

Step 3: The short-listed papers will be further examined and assessed to identify up to 3-5 finalists in ranking.

**Rewards:** Each finalist will be granted the *IFSA Student Paper Award* at IFSA2017 World Congress with the rewards a certificate for the award, and there will be a cash premium (i.e., 500Euro, 200Euro or 100Euro for the first place, second place or third place, respectively (or in a currency of the equivalent amount)).

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